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Board of County commissioners Ravalli County Courthouse, 305 Bedford St. Hamilton, Mt.

Re:

Discussion of 11.13.2008>>Planning Priorities:

Dear Board Members:

To follow up on my comments to you on the afternoon of November 13, 2008, please allow me to expand further and put in writing What I was commenting on.

My concern is this, I am told by County Employees that there are many law suits against Ravalli County at this time, I am further told or have read in the Ravalli Republic that Ravalli County has more suits filed against the County than filed against the remainder of the County's in the State of Montana.

If this is true, this is costing in not only time, but insurance costs, legal costs, and possible raise in Insurance premiums for all the County's in the State. Not to even mentions Taxpayers Money

I further understand that most of these suits are against Planning and FloodPlain, {Also Planning.}

If this is the case, and correct me if I am wrong, but would it not be prudent to review these suits, Determine where the problems are, and then adjust your planning priorities to Eliminate these suits. A independent review would be great, and give the Commissioners some guidance As to where you might take your priorities regarding your law suits.

You may find that the regulations are the blame, you might find out its meeting your own timetables, It might be response time, who knows. But don't you think it would be a good idea to find out.

Further, you would save a lot of your employees time and county money. Plus frustration with Ravalli County Tax Payers.

Something worth considering. Not withstanding the fact I have made these comments to you so if I Can be of any help to you it is volunteered.

Sincerely,

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